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Goal

The goal of this project is to develop a software which allows easy usage of the AMLEngine^[1], more specifically the AML.Engine.dll. AutomationML is an open standard based on XML^[2]. It allows easier modelling of automation processes by reducing the amount of redundant files which are normally created along every step of the design process. This standard is developed by Automation e.V. A DLL is a file that contains precompiled code which can be easily linked into different projects similar to a library.

This project can be split into three parts. The first part is the usage of the AML.Engine.dll inside of a C++ project. To achieve this, certain project settings have to be made as well as special compiler settings. Those setup steps have to be precisely specified inside of a document to support developers who want to create such a project.

The second part of this project is the usage of the AML.Engine.dll inside of JavaScript code. Similar to the usage of the DLL inside of a C++ project, this will also require a certain project setup as well as some custom code to call the functions contained inside of the DLL.

The third part of the project will be the development of a console application which can be used to pack or unpack AMLX files, as well as to verify those files.

This software is intended to be used by developers who want to integrate AMLEngine functions into their code.

Product Environment

AutomationML is used to design automation processes such as assembly lines. It is meant to be used along the whole life cycle of a product, thus aiming to help during the design process but also during installation and maintenance. An AML file is based on an CAEX^[3] file which uses XML notation and is used to specify different classes and components of an automated plant in a given hierarchy. It can include references to external files containing further specifications of specialized parts. The AML.Engine.dll can be used to work with and modify AML files.

The current situation is that AML files can be edited by directly working on the file itself. This requires opening the file in a text editor and manually writing all the XML tags and properties. This can be a difficult and complex process and is very error-prone. Another possibility to edit AML files is to use the AutomationML Editor. This editor

allows easier manipulation of the file and provides a graphical user interface. However, this editor is still under development and many bugs make working with this editor challenging.

The software developed for this project is meant to make the usage of AML files easier, by paving the way for the development of additional editing tools that can be used to work on AML files. This can be done by providing new and improved ways to access the functions contained inside of the AML.Engine.dll.

Product Usage

The following business processes, use cases and features shall be supported by the system.

Business Processes

<BP.001>: C++ Wrapper

A developer wants to use the AML.Engine.dll in their C++ project. To do so they need a wiki containing all important setup steps and project settings.

Triggering Event:	Developer wants to use the AML.Engine.dll in a C++ project
Result:	Developer can use the AML.Engine.dll in their project
Involved Roles:	Developer, C++ project, wiki/documentation, AML.Engine.dll

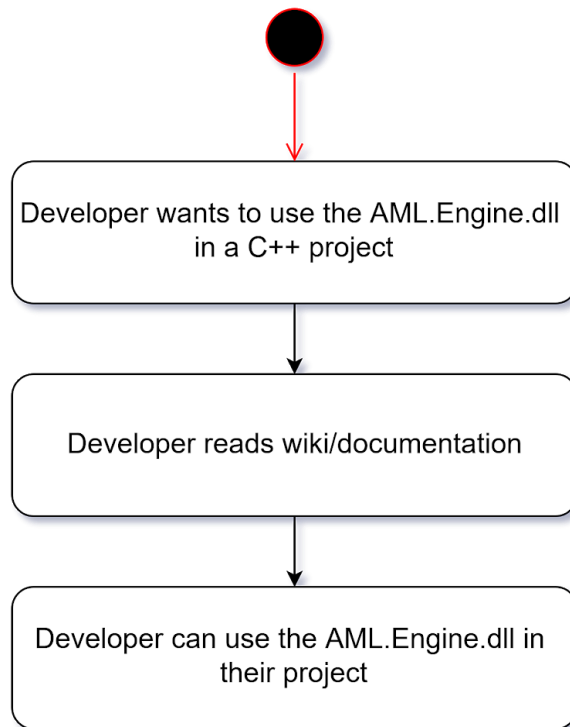


Figure 1: activity diagram for BP.001

<BP.002>: JavaScript Wrapper

A developer wants to use the AML.Engine.dll in their Node project. To do so, they need a way to access the functions contained inside of the AML.Engine.dll.

Triggering Event:	Developer wants to use AML.Engine.dll inside of a Node project
Result:	Developer can use the AML.Engine.dll inside of their Node project
Involved Roles:	Developer, wrapper, wiki/documentation, AML.Engine.dll, Node project

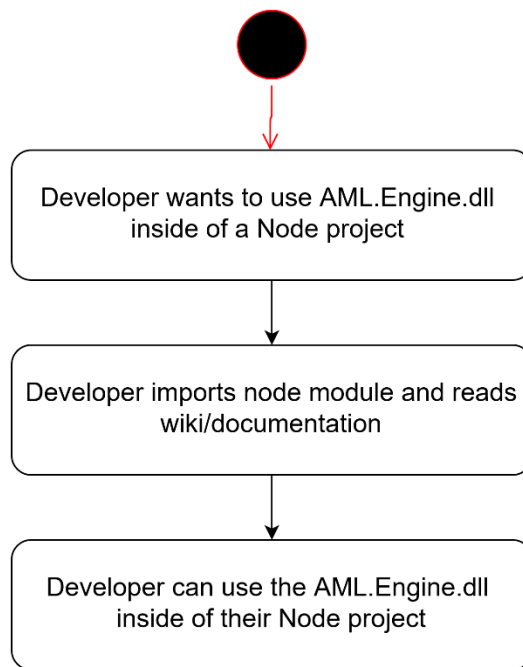


Figure 2: activity diagram for BP.002

<BP.003>: Console Application

A developer or a system architect wants to check whether their AML file is valid. This might also require unpacking an AMLX file first and repack it afterwards.

Triggering Event:	User wants to validate, pack or unpack an AMLX or AML file
Result:	<p>User gets confirmation that their file is valid or invalid.</p> <p>User gets the content of the unpacked AMLX file or gets the new AMLX file that contains all the files they wanted to combine into a single file.</p>
Involved Roles:	console application, user, AML.Engine.dll

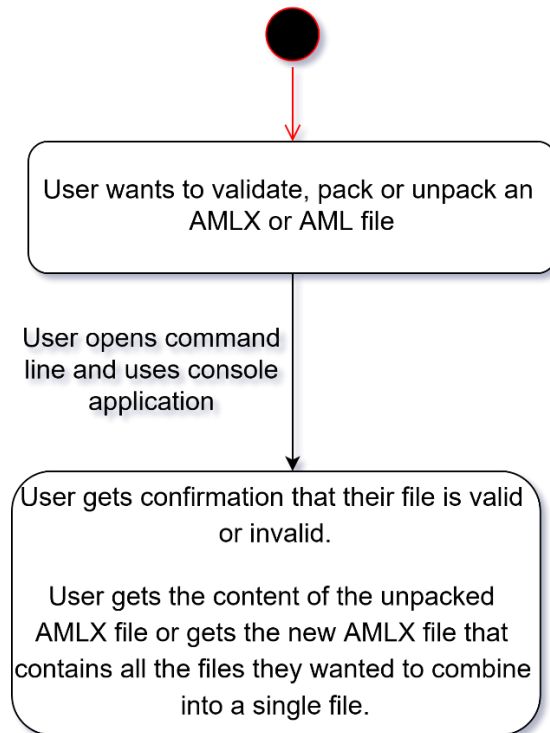


Figure 3: activity diagram for BP.003

Use Cases

<UC.001> C++ Wrapper

Related Business Process:	<BP.001>: C++ Wrapper
Use Cases Objective:	Developer implements a C++ program that uses the AML.Engine.dll
System Boundary:	Program wide, including imported libraries
Precondition:	The correct version of the AML.Engine.dll has to be installed.
Postcondition on success:	The developer was able to develop a functioning program which uses functions contained inside of the AML.Engine.dll

Involved Users:	AML.Engine.dll, C++ project, developer
Triggering Event:	Developer wants to use functions contained inside of the AML.Engine.dll inside of their C++ project.

<UC.002> JavaScript Wrapper

Related Business Process:	<BP.002>: JavaScript Wrapper
Use Cases Objective:	Developer can implement a JavaScript project that can access functions contained inside the AML.Engine.dll.
System Boundary:	Program wide, including imported modules
Precondition:	The correct version of the AML.Engine.dll needs to be installed
Postcondition on success:	Developer was able to develop a project that can access the functions contained inside the AML.Engine.dll.
Involved Users:	AML.Engine.dll, wrapper, JavaScript project, developer
Triggering Event:	Developer wants to use the AML.Engine.dll in their project

<UC.003> Validation using Console Application

Related Business Process:	<BP.003>: Console Application
Use Cases Objective:	The console application is used to validate an AML file
System Boundary:	Console
Precondition:	Console application needs to be installed on the users computer. Relevant path variables also need to be set.
Postcondition on success:	In case of an invalid file the error will be printed out. A valid file will return a success message.
Involved Users:	AML file, console application, User, AML.Engine.dll
Triggering Event:	User wants to validate their AML file

<UC.004> (Un-)packing using Console Application

Related Business Process:	<BP.003>: Console Application
Use Cases Objective:	The console application can be used to pack and unpack AML and AMLX files respectively.
System Boundary:	Console
Precondition:	Console application needs to be installed on the users computer. Relevant path variables also need to be set.

Postcondition on success:	The file was successfully packed or unpacked
Involved Users:	AML/AMLX file, console application, user, AML.Engine.dll
Triggering Event:	User wants to pack or unpack AML or AMLX files

Features

/LF10/C++ Functions

The C++ wrapper shall be able to use all the functions from the DLL.

/LF20/C++ usability

The wrapper shall be able to be used in C++.

/LF30/JavaScript Functions

The JavaScript wrapper shall be able to use all the functions from the DLL.

/LF40/JavaScript usability

The wrapper shall be able to be used in JavaScript.

/LF50/Import

The console application shall be able to import and read AML files.

/LF60/(De-)Compression

The console application shall be able to compress files into AMLX files and decompress them.

/LF70/Validation

The console application shall be able to detect errors in the AML files and report errors with corresponding line numbers and error messages.

Product Data

The software of this project will work with the following files.

/LD10/AML file

The wrappers and the console application shall be able to successfully import and use AML files.

/LD20/AMLX file

The console application shall be able to successfully decompress, use and compress AMLX files.

Other Product Characteristics

This section describes the already known non-functional requirements for the product.

/NF10/Documentation

The Documentation shall be designed in a way that the readers understand the usage of the wrapper and that the readers gain the ability to successfully implement the wrapper into their project.

The C++ wrapper documentation shall be able to explain the wrapper to the user.

The Documentation of the JavaScript wrapper shall be able to explain the wrapper to the user.

/NF20/Installation

The console application should be able to run without any installation.

/NF30/Files

The console application shall support AML files and AMLX files.

/NF40/System Environment

The wrapper shall run under the Windows 7 operating system and newer windows versions. Furthermore, the wrapper and the console application need the already imported AML.Engine.dll.

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